

TOWN OF LINCOLN

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

May 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Commission Members present at this meeting were Chairman Kevin Bryson, Paul Hetu, Erin Vaughan and Gary Stott. Commission Members absent from this meeting were Roy Coulombe, Robert Sylvestre and David Boyle.

The Commission Members reviewed the minutes for the March 10, 2009 meeting. A motion was made by Member Gary Stott to accept the March 10, 2009 minutes and the motion was seconded by Member Paul Hetu.

There have been no Director's Reports for the past nine (9) months.

Commissioner's Reports:

Saylesville – Paul Hetu – The grass is nice and green. The school is using the field for softball practice. The lights are on at night.

Lonsdale – Roy Coulombe – No report.

Albion – Erin Vaughan – Everything looks great. The field looks good as well which is being heavily used by AAU and Lincoln Little League.

Manville – Robert Sylvestre – No report.

Fairlawn – Gary Stott – The skateboard park is busy as usual. There are a lot of basketball games going on. The field looks great and Little Fenway (Minor League) uses field for games.

Limerock – David Boyle – No report.

Quinnville – Kevin Bryson – The basketball courts and playground are getting a lot of use whereas the field is not. This may be due to hardball not being allowed anymore. Chairman Kevin Bryson noticed that at 6 a.m. the lights are on in the park. He is fairly sure that they also remain on all night long. This is a waste of electricity! Or is there a reason they have to stay on all night?

Old Business:

Commission Member Erin Vaughan voiced some concerns regarding Lonsdale field. They are concerning a pole that should have been taken down, a water logged field /condition of surfaces around field and trash pickup within the park and maintenance of bathrooms.

- The pole is located in between the Randy Hien and Sam Moore Fields, not far from the sign. The pole has speaker wire on it and was supposed to be removed after construction was completed. There were two poles erected and one was taken down, but the one still remains. It is also an extreme eyesore.

- The field has been offline at least three nights thus far due to all the rain and the field turning to mush. A suggestion was made to spike the field to allow for drainage. This procedure would be less costly than installing a new drainage system. In order for this to occur though, the sod needs to have enough time to get rooted.

- All surfaces around the new field have ruts on them now. This is caused by all the Town vehicles driving over this area. There are tire tracks over a spot next to the concession stand that was just

top-dressed and seeded.

- Commission Member Erin Vaughan questioned who was responsible for picking up trash that doesn't make it to the trash can. She stated that after a game there is trash all over in the dugout when there is actually a trash can in each of the dugouts. Counselors in the summer programs will need to make sure that their kids pick up their trash at the end of each day as well. Commission Member Erin Vaughan also stated that kids have been climbing up on the metal roof of the concession stand. A suggestion was made to have more police patrol the area at night.

- Who is responsible for cleaning the bathrooms? Also noted was that the toilet paper and paper towels are locked so when they are empty a key is needed to unlock them in order to refill them. It's a nice concept to keep everything locked but when it's empty who will have the key available?

Chairman Kevin Bryson requested a reason as to why the old backstop poles at Chet Nichols Field have not been removed yet. Town Administrator Joseph Almond stated at the February 11, 2009 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting that the old backstop poles would have been removed in the spring. Chairman Kevin Bryson would also like the pole located between Randy Hien Field and Sam Moore Field at Lonsdale removed as well.

Commission Member Gary Stott commented on how everyone is parking up against the fence at Chet Nichols Field whether there is a

game, practice or school is in session. The entire third base side is now dirt and ruts from all the cars driving over this area repeatedly. It would not be that expensive to fix this up. All this area requires is basic maintenance such as top dressing and seed. No vehicles should be allowed to park against the fence; parking should only be on the road.

Chairman Kevin Bryson received a letter thanking him for his help with the dugouts at Lonsdale but there was no mention of the Commissions' help in the letter. Also, on Opening Day no one acknowledged the Commission and/or thanked them. Chairman Kevin Bryson is very upset by this and feels that the Commission should have been recognized for their help along the way with the Lonsdale Field renovation.

A motion to adjourn was made by Member Gary Stott and the motion was seconded by Member Paul Hetu.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.